

Police clarify that no “raiding” operation was conducted inside PolyU

Rumours stated that Police “raided” the premises of the Hong Kong Polytechnic University (PolyU). Police today (November 18) clarify that this statement is totally false.

Since midnight, a large gang of rioters gathered at Cheong Wan Road, hurled petrol bombs at Police. They also set objects ablaze. Multiple explosions were heard. Police have been conducting dispersal operation. Specialised Crowd Management Vehicle and tear gas were deployed.

At around 5.30am, Police continue to conduct dispersal and arrest operation. Meanwhile, rioters gathering inside the campus set fire and caused extensive damage.

Police reiterate that we did not “raid” the premises of the PolyU. Fires were observed in various locations in the PolyU premises. Explosives, flammable substances and dangerous goods also pose threats to anyone therein. Police appeal to everyone inside the campus to leave immediately.